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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 26, 1999

**1. Call to order.**

The two-hundred and thirty-fourth joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Vice-Chair Michael Berger as Acting Chairperson at 7:50 p.m. on August 26, 1999, at Franklin Canyon Park, Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Ms. Clare Marter Kenyon, as an appointee of the Speaker of the Assembly to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee.

**2. Roll call of Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Clare Marter Kenyon, Linda Palmer, Fran Pavley, Rick Putnam, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, and George Lange, Vice-Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to roll call: David Green. The following members were absent: Dave Brown, Kathy Caldwell, Patrick Hunter, Mark Johnson, Paul Rockenstein, Carolyn Van Horn, and Alan Kishbaugh, Vice-Chair. Quorum present.

**3. Roll call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members

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were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, John Hisserich, Lindsey Kozberg, and Michael Berger, Acting Chairperson. The following members were absent: Arthur Eck, Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Executive Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA); Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA; Reva Concoff, Chief of Staff, MRCA; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Governmental Affairs, MRCA; Kathleen Bullard, Director of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, MRCA; Stephanie Landgregan, Staff Landscape Architect, MRCA; and Dawn De Vere, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded and passed, item 8(c) was removed from the consent calendar and item 9 was moved up on the agenda.

**9. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of a Mobile Nature Education Facility from Lotte Melhorn.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Lotte Melhorn and Mr. Daniel.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-83 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**8(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of an offer to dedicate the Las Pulgas Canyon Trail made by Rancho De Las Pulgas, Inc. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and thanked Mr. Barry Maiten for the offer to dedicate.

Comments were made by Mr. Maiten.

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-74 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**4. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Hisserich and Ms. Collins.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

**5. Oral reports by staff.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Kathleen Bullard, Director of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley and Ms. Palmer.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen

Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

**6. Report from budget and legislative committee.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Blumenfield.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley, Ms. Kozberg, the Chair, and Mr. Daniel.

**7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Max Hobbs, representing VOICE, on item 13.

[Mr. Green arrived at 8:25]

Comments were made Messrs. Lange and Daniel and the Executive Director.

Jack Rubins, representing Boething Treeland Farms, on item 21.

Keith Szarabajka, individual, on development of property near Wilacre Park.

Don Gisman, individual, on Wilacre Park.

Clyve Baillie, individual, regarding policy of sale and acquisition of property.

**8. Consent Calendar:**

- a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of an easement for construction and maintenance of a drainage facility for Top of Topanga Overlook from owner of APN 2173-011-001, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of ±0.45 acre parcel (APN 4383-009-019) located in Benedict Canyon from Douglas A.**

**Econn.**

- d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of APN 5830-009-001 near Altadena, in the San Gabriel Mountains adjacent to the Angeles National Forest from Mike Downing and Steve Davis.**
- g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of Benedict Canyon asset parcel (APN 4383-006-900) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept donation of adjacent parcel (APN 4383-006-038) for asset management purposes, Los Angeles.**
- h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a transfer from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority of the following offers to dedicate: Bridgeman / P-80-6781; Whitman / P-81-7775; Nour / 5-81-148; Satterlee & Cunningham / 5-81-265; Bunkelman / A-346-78; Hodges / SF-79-5715; Tremble / A-30-79; Simmons / P-80-6480; Randall / P-79-5715; Gottlieb / P-79-4946; Buttle / P-79-5715; Almar Assoc. & Colleen Taylor / A-42-6455; Caplan, Norvell & Hodges / A-42-80; and Haynie / P-42-80. [Coastal Zone item]**
- i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of the following offers to dedicate: Nesse / 5-89-1149 (90-1070368); Nesse / 5-89-1149; Garnan Holdings, LTD., / 5-90-247; Miller / 5-84-91; Miller / 5-84-91; Gerson / 5-86-517; Hershey / 5-84-91; Cold Creek Associates / P-81-7701; Cold Creek Associates / P-81-7701; Vinton / 5-87-590; Bleher / 5-84-91; Vernon / 5-84-91; Goodstein / 5-84-91; Trancas Town Ltd. / 5-91-754; Ohanian Investment Co. / 5-85-459; Randall / P-79-5175; Haynie / A-42-80; California Coastal Commission / A-42-80; Gottlieb / P-79-4946; Haynie / A-42-80; Verguies / SF-80-6707; and Merritt / P-80-7430. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director recommended that items 8(e), 8(j), and 8(k) be removed from the consent calendar.

Ms. Pavley recommended that item 8(f) be removed from the consent calendar.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 99-72, 99-73, 99-75, 99-78, 99-79, and 99-80 were adopted.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

- 8(e). Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 98-89 and authorizing the transfer of approximately two acres located on the northern boundary of the Bel Air Crest to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kozberg.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-76 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 8(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, as the designee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, to acquire tax defaulted properties in unincorporated Los Angeles County (APNs 2063-018-038, 2058-012-010, 2826-025-007, 4434-005-011, 013, and 015, 4453-036-004, and 2058-012-010).**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and recommended that the staff report be amended by removing APN 4453-036-004 from the list of properties to acquire.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-77.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No.

99-77 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**8(j). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for minor capital outlay revolving fund FY 1999/2000.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-81.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-81 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**8(k). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for educational interpretation programs, FY 1999/2000.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and recommended that the staff report be amended so that the purposes of the grant be for the administration of the educational interpretation programs.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-82.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, Resolution No.

99-82 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**10. Consideration of resolution adopting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 1999/2000 budget. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Berger.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange and Green.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley.

On motion of Mr. Green, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-84.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hisserich.

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-84 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design, FY 1999/2000, related to item 3810-301-0001, Budget Act of 1999.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and amended the staff report changing the grant amount from \$800,000 to \$650,000.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley.

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the



Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-85.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-85 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for minor capital outlay improvements.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item and amended the staff report changing the grant amount from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-86.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-86 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from item 3810-301-0001 for the Oakmont project, City of Glendale.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-87.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-87 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to the Trust for Public Land for services related to the North Stoney Point project.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-88.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-88 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of APN 4460-006-004 and a portion of APN 4460-006-014 on East Winding Way, Malibu, from Marc Gurvitz. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer and Mr. Green.

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-89.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-89 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept open space dedication and maintenance funding from Lennar Homes-Carlsberg project, Tract No. 4975, City of Moorpark.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley and Mr. Green.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-90.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-90 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**17. Consideration of resolution authorizing fuel modification program and authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for implementation thereof.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and amended the staff report changing the grant amount from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley and Mr. Saito.

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-91.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-91 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 18. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a 110-acre open space donation (APN 4453-017-051) within both the Cold Creek and Las Flores Canyon watersheds, unincorporated Los Angeles County. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Lange, Ms. Pavley, and Ms. Palmer.

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-92.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-92 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 19. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire eighteen acres (APN 2569-018-005) near Angeles National Forest, Tujunga.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

On motion of Mr. Warner, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-93.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-93 was adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 20. Consideration of resolution authorizing an agreement with Mulholland Tomorrow and the owners of Lots 10, 11, and 12 of Tract 39364 at 2621 Coldwater Canyon Drive, Los Angeles.**

Mr. Edelman presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. George Nelson, Latham & Watkins.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-94.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-94 was adopted. Ms. Kozberg abstained.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 21. Consideration of resolution authorizing (1) an agreement with Boething Treeland Farms, Inc. regarding Caltrans excess parcel; (2) rescinding Resolution No. 94-111 upon condition that Caltrans excess parcel is sold to Boething Treeland Farms; and**

**(3) authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to be the Conservancy's designee under said agreement and to acquire the excess parcel.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman and Mr. Reuben, representing Boething Treeland Farms.

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-95.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by Ms. Palmer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 99-95 was adopted. Ms. Kozberg abstained.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**22. Update on pending legislation and consideration of resolution to take a position on the following bill(s): AB 1425 (Runner).**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Green.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, and Ms. Marter Kenyon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the

Advisory Committee recommended support of the bill.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy supported AB 1425.

**23. Minutes**

The open session minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 1999 were approved as submitted.

- 24. Closed Session:** (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Tucker Land Company*; *Los Amigos de Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Huebner v. State of California*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest)*; *Besky v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; and *Mirharooni v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

No closed session was held.

**25. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel regarding the departure of Reva Concoff.

Comments were made by Mr. Begley regarding the Studio City property mentioned during public comment.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

**26.     Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on September 23, 1999.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m. in memory of Joseph Santos Ito.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

MICHAEL BERGER  
A c t i n g  
Chairperson